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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D. C. 20231 Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Election/Restriction requirement dated February 24, 2003. It is respectfully requested that the election below be entered without traverse and that the application be examined on the merits.

REMARKS

In the action dated February 24, 2003, the United States Patent and Trademark Office required restriction under 35 U.S.C 121 from among the following groups:

- I. Claims 1, 2, 5-7 and 12;
- II. Claims 3, 4, 8-10 and 13;